

FILE

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

20 JUNE 1961
~~TOP SECRET~~

1. Soviet Central Committee meeting closes

The published announcement only states that the Committee "approved" two draft documents to be presented to the Party Congress in October--a new party program (finally replacing that of 1919) and a new party constitution. The two documents will be published on 30 July and 20 August. We have no evidence that any political changes took place. 50X1

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2. Quadros plans to offer good offices in Cuban-US dispute.

This scheme, which involves joint action by Brazil, Mexico, and Ecuador to bring about Cuban-US bilateral talks, was suggested by Cuba in late May. Ecuador has proposed to add Uruguay and Chile; Brazil would add Argentina as well. 50X1

3. Later Stevenson report on Bolivia

Among his comments:
a) the situation is "desperately bad";
b) the regular army informed him it fully supported President Paz, and would establish a military junta rather than accept Vice-President Lechin. (We think that if the army does move, it will be opposed by armed elements of the police, militia and peasants)

4. Qasim's reaction to President's message

The Iraqi Foreign Minister says Qasim will not reply because "President Kennedy has nothing to do with the Palestine problem and his message is an interference in the affairs of the Middle East."

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5. Khrushchev on Vienna meeting

Khrushchev has given Souvanna Phouma a two hour report on the Vienna discussions. Khrushchev did not give his own comments, however, either on the issues or the President personally. Souvanna's one strong impression was that on Germany Khrushchev "would not be stopped."

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6. Tunisian minister to visit Communist China this month

His purpose may be to negotiate an exchange of diplomatic missions. Bourguiba, who has abstained on the UN moratorium issue, said last fall he would henceforth oppose it.

NOTES

- A. There have been no important developments concerning Laos. Today's meeting in Zurich has been postponed because Souvanna "has a fever".
- B. Ambassador Merchant reports an unenthusiastic reception to his request that the Canadians deny a Czech request for landing rights at Gander on the Prague-Havana run.
- C. In the Congo, the Kasavubu and Gizenga groups have agreed to a parliamentary meeting in a "neutralized" zone just outside Leopoldville on 27 or 28 June.
- D. The Tyura Tam test range appears to be actively preparing for a space launching. (The period 20-29 June is optimum for a moon shot). 50X1
- E. A Sino-Soviet agreement on "questions of economic and scientific-technical cooperation" was signed in Moscow yesterday. Presumably this is the result of drawn-out negotiations on Soviet economic aid which have been going on for several months. 50X1
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- F. The reaction in West Berlin to Senator Mansfield's proposal for a free city including East Berlin has been unfavorable.
- G. The Yugoslavs plan to move the non-aligned nations meeting scheduled for 1 September from Bled to Belgrade.

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